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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program FFY 2018-19 to FFY 2021-22

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 1 to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program portion of the 2019 California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated January 4, 2019. As detailed in your letter enclosure, this amendment requests to modify projects from the State Highway Bridge Program, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 and FTA 5307 Program.

We have determined the project listings from this amendment do not require a conformity determination prior to FSTIP programming because they are either exempt and/or located in an area of California designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air Quality Standards. Your letter enclosure correctly notes that the updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement and therefore do not need to meet project level conformity to be included in the FSTIP; however, as indicated projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action, such as a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision, is taken on a project. Acceptance of this FSTIP amendment has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018 *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region 9*, and based on our review of information submitted that includes revenues and proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, we accept this FSTIP amendment in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part

450 and 49 CFR Part 613 (see the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register). We have determined the amended AMBAG portion of the 2019 California FSTIP, including Amendment No. 1, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 114-94 (the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act).

Our approval is being given with the understanding that an eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or would like additional information regarding our approval of Amendment No. 1 to the SLOCOG portion of the FSTIP, feel free to contact Antonio Johnson of the FHWA California Division at (916) 498-5889, or at antonio.johnson@dot.gov; or Jerome Wiggins of the FTA's Region 9 Office at (415) 734-9475 or at jerome.wiggins@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Edward Carranza, Jr.*

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